up for the present. The Commission, however, recommended that these organizations should study the alternatives for restructuring together with managerial restructuring before embarking on the process of disinvestment. Presently, M/s. ICICI and SBI Caps have been engaged to undertake a joint study to suggest an appropriate model for restructuring for both NTPC and PGCIL. In view of this, at present there is no proposal to sell off any power station of NTPC.

(c) Renovation & Modernisation works for Korba and Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plants are being implemented by NTPC, with due clearance of CEA, at an estimated cost of Rs.135 crores and Rs.94 crores respectively.

Setting up gas based power Plants in Gujarat

3565. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up some more gas based power Plants in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time since when these proposals are pending;

(d) whether any tenders were invited;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the above bids were treated as non-responsive and was decided to rebid; and

(g) the details of progress made on rebidding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (g) The Government of Gujarat recommended the following power projects to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) for Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC):

(i) 107.238 MW Gas Based Power Plant Project at Dhuvaran by the Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited.

(ii) Hazira Combined Cycle Power Project (156 MW) by the Gujarat State Energy Generation Limited.

While TEC in respect of Hazira Combined Cycle Power Project

countries like Pakistan and Bangladesh have considered TTEs. as running staff; and

(c) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to treat TTEs. as running staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) As per the extant rules, those staff whose performance of duty is directly connected with the charge of moving the trains are classified as running staff on the Indian Railways. At the time of independence, the term running staff was already in use.

(b) On the Indian Railways, Travelling Ticket Examiners are not classified as running staff.

(c) There is no such proposal.

Participation of SCR in Twins project of Andhra Pradesh

3629. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has implemented a pilot project, Twins, to provide integrated services to citizens over electronic networks;

(b) whether the State Government has approached the Union Government to participate in Twins project by providing reservation facilities at all the 150 counters in Hyderabad and Secunderabad;

(c) if so, whether the Union Government have instructed the South-Central Railway authorities to participate in Twins Project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, by when instructions are expected to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Andhra Pradesh Government has made announcement to this effect.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Access to PRS by outside system is not being provided as per extant policy. The issue, is under consideration, however, no time table for taking a decision has been set so far.